

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*I would not like to be forced. I have purchased through the mail for 30 years & would have to drive 75 miles to a audiologist. I think they should pay.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*all the friends I know are having problems with their hearing aids after being fitted by the audiologist.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*No I'm perfectly Capable of making my own decisions.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Yes!*  
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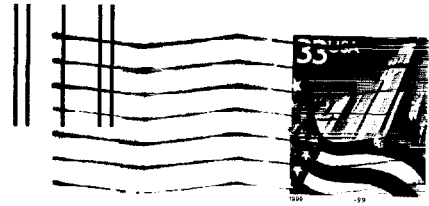
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